

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 0000 as follows:

[0000] This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,147, filed November 13, 2001, now US Patent No. 6,679,282, which is based upon and claims benefit of Japanese Patent Applications No. 2000-351639 filed on November 17, 2000, No. 2001-62970 filed on July 3, 2001, and No. 2001-275485 filed on November 9, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend paragraph 0139 as follows:

[0139] As illustrated in Fig. 15, the case 3 of the inlet check valve 9 of Example No.13 has a flange-shaped weldment portion 39 at the opposite end toward the cover 2. ~~While, the~~The cover 2 has a minor cylinder-shaped portion 291 at the opposite end toward the case 3. The case is formed of a reinforced polyamide. The weldment portion 39 is welded onto the inner peripheral surface of the minor cylinder-shaped portion 291. In the inlet check valve 9 of Example No.13, the cover 2 and case 3 are bonded by welding. Accordingly, compared with the inlet check valve 9 of Example No.12, the inlet check valve 9 of Example No.13 exhibits a much higher liquid-proof ability. Moreover, compared with the inlet check valve 9 of Example No.12, the inlet check valve 9 of Example No.13 is made of a much smaller number of component parts.